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Gen Con, the biggest annual **gaming convention** in the United States, turned 50 years old in 2017 and held a grand event to celebrate. Gen Con 50 ran from Thursday, August 17 to Sunday, August 20 in Indianapolis, Indiana and hosted thousands of events, bringing in about 60,000 attendees.



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this has happened since it was established. Gen Con extended its events to Lucas Oil Stadium and Bankers Life Fieldhouse, allowing it to reach a record for its largest convention ever. Bankers Life Fieldhouse held a concert by They Might Be Giants, which sold over 5,000 tickets.

50 Years of Gaming

Along with numerous gaming and entertainment activities, the convention also celebrated the last 50 years of gaming history with a museum exhibition. Meanwhile, attendees could also enjoy anime, a huge selection of board game and [video game events](#), workshops, seminars, and more. With visits from hundreds of gaming companies, artists, and presenters, Gen Con 50 was filled with entertainment that could be had for the whole family.

Gen Con also helped its charity partner Child Advocates raise \$26,000 over the course of the four days. This added to Gen Con's already raised \$250,000 since taking place in Indianapolis.

Those people interested in finding out more about this year's and future Gen Con events can go online to www.gencon.com for news, ticket sales, and event information. Next year's Gen Con will take place August 2 through August 5.

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